

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) Meeting Dates, and Agenda****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of Teleconference Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB), as previously announced, will have teleconference meetings on August 15, 2007 at 1 p.m. ET; September 19, 2007 at 1 p.m. ET; October 17, 2007 at 1 p.m. ET; November 21, 2007 at 1 p.m. ET; and December 19, 2007 at 1 p.m. ET to discuss the ideas and views presented at the previous ELAB meetings, as well as new business. Items to be discussed by ELAB over these coming meetings include: (1) Expanding the number of laboratories seeking National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) accreditation; (2) homeland security issues affecting the laboratory community; (3) ELAB support to the Agency's Forum on Environmental Measurements (FEM); (4) implementing the performance approach; and (5) follow-up on some of ELAB's past recommendations and issues. In addition to these teleconferences, ELAB will be hosting their next face-to-face meeting on August 22, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Cambridge, MA at 10 a.m. (ET). An Open Forum for the public to bring issues forward to ELAB for their consideration to address as part of their work will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Cambridge, MA.

Written comments on laboratory accreditation issues and/or environmental monitoring issues are encouraged and should be sent to Ms. Lara P. Autry, DFO, U.S. EPA (E243-05), 109 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, faxed to (919) 541-4261, or e-mailed to [autry.lara@epa.gov](mailto:autry.lara@epa.gov). Members of the public are invited to listen to the teleconference calls, and time permitting, will be allowed to comment on issues discussed during this and previous ELAB meetings. Those persons interested in attending should call Lara P. Autry at (919) 541-5544 to obtain teleconference information. The number of lines for the teleconferences, however, are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve

basis. Preference will be given to a group wishing to attend over a request from an individual. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lara P. Autry at the number above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Lara P. Autry, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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**Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Two Public Teleconferences and a Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Integrated Nitrogen Committee****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board Staff Office announces two public teleconferences and a meeting of the EPA SAB Integrated Nitrogen Committee.

**DATES:** The teleconference meetings will be held on Friday, September 14, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) and on October 15, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). A face-to-face meeting will be held on October 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time), continuing from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 30, and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 31.

**ADDRESSES:** The teleconferences will be conducted by phone only. The October 29-31, 2007 face-to-face meeting will be held at the SAB Conference Center, located at 1025 F. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the call-in number and access code for the teleconferences; attend the face-to-face meeting; or receive further information concerning the teleconferences and meeting may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Ms. White may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via

telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9878; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [white.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:white.kathleen@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The SAB Integrated Nitrogen Committee is studying the need for integrated research and strategies to reduce reactive nitrogen in the environment. At the global scale, reactive nitrogen resulting from human activities now exceeds that produced by natural terrestrial ecosystems. Reactive nitrogen both benefits and impacts the health and welfare of people and ecosystems. Scientific information suggests that reactive nitrogen is accumulating in the environment and that nitrogen cycling through biogeochemical pathways has a variety of consequences. Research suggests that the management of reactive nitrogen should be viewed from a systems perspective and integrated across environmental media. Accordingly, linkages between reactive nitrogen induced environmental and human health effects need to be understood in order to optimize reactive nitrogen research and risk management strategies.

At a public meeting January 30-31, 2007, the Committee developed a work plan for the study. At its June 20-22, 2007 meeting the Committee gathered information, created an outline for the study's report relating to reactive nitrogen in the environment, and made writing assignments. Further information on those meetings was provided in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1989, January 17, 2007 and 72 FR 13492, March 22, 2007). On the September 14, 2007 teleconference, Committee members will summarize the progress they have made on their assignments, identify anything they need to complete the work, and engage in other Committee business as needed. On the October 15, 2007 call, the Committee will hear brief summaries of the member's work, identify any critical areas that need attention before the face-to-face meeting, make recommendations for refining the agenda, and conduct other Committee business. At the October 29-31, 2007 meeting, the Committee will discuss the body of its report, arrange for revisions as needed, and to plan the completion of the remaining chapters.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The draft agenda, and other materials for this teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> prior to the meeting.